

WEATHER

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—
Alabama: Mostly cloudy and
colder tonight and Sunday.
Temperature below freezing
on the coast by Monday
morning.

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COTTON MARKET

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cot-
ton futures opened firm.
January 23.85; March 24.20;
May 24.63; July 24.78; Oc-
tober 24.28.

THIS YEAR ONE OF GREATEST IN TWIN CITIES

SEVENTEEN DEATHS IN WAKE OF COLD WAVE

NEVADA TOWNS ARE COLDEST IN NATION: 60 DEGREES BELOW

Rail Traffic Feels the Effects of Fresh Bit Of Wintertime

SNOWDRIFTS ARE DELAYING TRAINS

California Weather Is the Coldest in Recent Years

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Much colder weather will overspread all sections east of the Mississippi river, except the extreme south, within the next 36 hours, weather bureau officials predicted today, announcing at the same time, cold wave warnings for sections as far south as Tennessee, Virginia and extreme western North Carolina.

The northwestern disturbance has moved eastward to the lower St. Lawrence valley, attended by higher temperatures east of the Mississippi, but it is being closely followed by an area of abnormally high pressure and cold weather.

Temperatures as low as 34 degrees below zero were reported today from the Canadian northwest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27—Another cold wave, the third of a series was driving from western Canada into the Rocky Mountain states today, with forecasts that it would spread zero and sub-zero temperatures into the middle west by tonight.

The middle west just had breathed a sigh of relief when thermometer figures got into double figures above zero, as the cold wave of the past few days drove eastward with diminished energy, when the reports of the renewed onslaught were received.

Seventeen deaths followed in the wake of the Christmas cold a nationwide check indicating four in Illinois three in Ohio, three in Colorado, two in Oregon and one each in California, Texas, Utah, Montana and New Jersey.

In the near northwest the effects of the new cold spell were felt early today. A strong wind added to the intense cold. Below zero temperatures were prevalent in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota. It was 10 degrees below zero in St. Paul early today.

Grand Fork, N. D., had 13 below late last night. Fargo had 12 below. At Eau Claire, Wis. it was six below.

Nevada continued to lay claim to the United States cold record, however, Halleck reporting 60 degrees below zero and Deeth reporting 59. At Elko the temperature was 40 below. Globe, Ariz., had the coldest weather in 16 years yesterday when the mercury dropped to 15 above zero.

Rail traffic in Montana was the first to feel the effects of the fresh bit of winter. The Great Northern mainline was blocked at Glacier Park by great snowdrifts. Eastbound trains were turned back toward Spokane, Wash., while westbound trains were turned back from Harve and Selby.

In California San Quin valley temperatures in the past 24 hours reached a new low of 17 above zero. Seattle reported a cold wave in the Puget Sound district, where temperatures were eight degrees below freezing.

Underwood Able To Be Up Saturday

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Senator Underwood, who has been confined to his bed several days with an attack of grippe has recovered sufficiently to be up today and plans to attend the sessions of the senate Monday.

Hundreds Reported Killed As Powder Cargo Explodes

CHRISTMAS WEEK ENDS IN GLORY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Fifty Three Stocks Go To New High Prices For the Year

COPPERS STILL LEAD ADVANCE

Transactions Saturday Are In Unusually Large Volume

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Christmas week closed with a blaze of glory on the New York stock exchange, 53 individual stocks, including virtually every copper issue, soaring to new peak prices for the year, on sales that ran above 1,150,000 shares—a total exceeded only by one Saturday since the post election boom started.

Coppers continued to lead the advance but they were closely pressed for the premier honors by the equipments, which responded to the further increases in railroad buying.

Transactions in the standard industrial were in large volume but the rapidity with which a number of special stocks advanced on relatively light trading, indicated that the floating supply of these stocks had been largely depleted by the recent heavy absorption of practically all issues.

Rails showed a strong undertone. The commercial solvent issues were the spectacular feature the "A" stocks jumping six points and the "B" 12, while the American Drake shoe, American locomotive, Beach Nut packing, Nash motors and United States Cast Iron pipe extended their early gains from three to five points.

Bullet In Heart Patient Yet Lives

(Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 27—Max Peck was alive today after surgeons had extracted a bullet from his heart, that fact strangely being hardly less remarkable, his friends said, than the manner in which Peck acquired it.

Lonely in a lodging house Christmas eve, Peck decided to end his life. Having no weapon suitable for suicide, he constructed a cannon of a piece of lead pipe, rammed home a charge of black powder, for a bullet used a steel spike. He placed it on a table, pointed it at his heart and exploded the charge with a red hot wire.

VENTURESOME YOUTH LANDS IN RICH ANCESTRAL HALLS

LONDON, Dec. 27—From a poky little cabin aboard a tramp steamer to the luxury of a Jacobean mansion, was the quick change of circumstances experienced recently by the 17-year-old Earl of Suffolk. The earl had been knocking round the world in the steamer Mount Stewart, sharing the hard life and food of sailors for about 18 months, when the death of the earl was announced. The young man's ship had just arrived at Nantes with a cargo of nitrate from South America, and he immediately said goodbye to his shipmates and hurried to the family seat, Charlton House near Malmesbury.

People in the district are wondering whether the young earl will settle down to society's ways, or whether the travel temperament inherited from his American mother, a daughter of the late Levi Leiter of Chicago will lure him away to fresh adventures.

(Associated Press)
TOKIO, Dec. 27—Several hundred casualties were reported when a powder cargo exploded aboard a ship in the harbor at Otaru, the business center of Hokkaido island group, which forms the northeastern part of Japan.

A disastrous fire resulted from the explosion, according to the reports received here.

FIRE TRUCK AND COUPE COLLIDE

Two Men In Auto Are Unhurt But Car Is Greatly Damaged

The Decatur fire truck while rushing to a fire on Canal street at 8 o'clock this morning collided with a Ford coupe containing two men at the intersection of Vine and Bank street.

One of the lights and a front spring of the truck were broken, and the fenders and top of the lighter car were badly damaged, although the occupants escaped without serious injuries. Damage to the truck is estimated at near \$50 while the cost of repairing the Ford is not known.

The Albany fire truck was called out and extinguished the fire, which was a blaze on a shingle roof created from falling sparks, before any damage was done.

PUBLISHERS ASK UNCHANGED RATE

Oppose Administration Plan to Get Revenue For Wage Boost

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Protests against increases in second class mail rates, proposed in the administration measure to raise revenue for postal salary increases were presented today to the joint congressional postoffice committee by spokesmen for the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Renewing their complaint against hasty consideration by congress of the postoffice department's cost ascertainment report on which the rate raises are predicted the publishers contended that the record of the department shows the inadvisability of raising rates on second class mail matter at this time on the theory that such an advance would produce an increase in revenue. Pointing out that since 1912 second class mail has been the only class on which congress has increased rates, they contended that these advances increased the revenues of the department more than 125 per cent but at the same time resulted in a large decrease in the volume of the mails.

GERMAN TELEPHONES FOR JAP GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press)
SIEMENSTADT, Germany, Dec. 27. The Japanese government has ordered 12,000 automatic telephones from a manufacturer of this city. They are to be installed at Yokohama to replace the equipment destroyed by the earthquake. The new apparatus will be equipped with a device for insuring the service against earthquake disturbances.

COUNCIL OF ALLIES AGREES TO DELAY IN EVACUATION PLANS

Cologne Area Will Be Occupied After January 10

TERMS OF LETTER ARE AGREED ON

Germany Will be Given Reasons For the Change of Plans

(Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 27—The allied council of ambassadors today agreed upon the terms of a letter to Germany, announcing that the Cologne area would not be evacuated on January 10.

This was the date stipulated for the evacuation in the treaty of Versailles, provided Germany had fulfilled her obligations under the treaty.

The test of the letter probably will not be published until it has had time to reach Berlin.

The note will be presented by the five allied ambassadors in Berlin simultaneously, it is stated, the allies thus presenting a solid front to Germany.

Although outlines of the note were drawn today, the document needs some finishing touches, it was decided the ambassadors would not sign it until Wednesday next when they will hold another session.

The fact that the phrasing is seen to require so much time is taken to mean that Germany will be given the reasons why the evacuation is to be postponed, instead of merely the blunt announcement of the allies decision to remain in the Cologne bridge head.

The ambassadors decided it was unnecessary to settle definitely now the question of the possible date of the evacuation or to choose between the French and British viewpoint as to the advisability of withdrawing the British being reported inclined to favor evacuation after the receipt of the military mission's complete report.

The essential thing for the moment it was agreed, was to notify Germany that the evacuation could not take place on January 10.

The question as to what may properly be done when the final report of the mission is submitted remains open for discussion when the time comes.

Herr Van Hoesch, the German ambassador, who saw Jules Cambon, French member of the council of ambassadors, before the meeting, is understood to have re-iterated the German view as to the bad effect non-evacuation would have on the German domestic political situation.

M. Cambon, who is president of the council replied that he took note of the observations, but was unable to give any assurances as to the decision of the council, since the question was not one of domestic politics alone, but of security to the allies as provided for in the treaty of Versailles.

BERLIN CHEWS AMERICAN GUM

(Associated Press)
BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The Germans have given American chewing gum a try out, and like it. The little five cent packages have become a familiar sight in Berlin, along with signs setting forth the merits of the goods. The packages retail here for about 20 cents, and are on sale in barber shops, drug stores, department stores, cafes and from peddler's carts in the streets.

ACTRESS IS MARRIED TO COMPOSER.



CHARLOTTE GREENWOOD

Miss Charlotte Greenwood, star of numerous musical successes of 25 past years, was married in Jersey City to Martin Brookes, music composer, who wrote some of the hits of the comedy in which she is being featured. Later the couple left for a honeymoon, which was cut short because of the fact that Miss Greenwood's vehicle opened in Boston on Christmas night.

FOSTER FATHER TO SEEK EXONERATION

William E. Sheppard In Chicago To Answer "All" Questions

(Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 27—William E. Sheppard arrived in Chicago today from Albuquerque, N. M., to protect himself in the investigation of the death of his foster son, William N. McClintock the "millionaire orphan."

He declared he would seek a public exoneration from the publicity which had been directed against him. Mr. Sheppard said he expected to ask some questions himself in regard to the investigation.

"I have come voluntarily from Albuquerque," said Mr. Sheppard, "to answer such questions as may be asked me and also will ask some questions myself. I will seek a public exoneration as widespread as the publicity given the accusations against me."

Blind Boy Learns To Read At School

Little Reese Layman, seven year old son of Mrs. Fannie Layman, of 1524 6th avenue South, is spending the holidays with his mother after attending the Talledega school for the blind for the past term.

Reese has already learned to read from raised letters and to count accurately. He says he likes the school fine, and has a jolly time there. He has gained weight and a ruddy glow to his cheeks from the play there. The school keeps the students in the open as much as possible, and many friends are surprised at the results of this practice as shown in Reese. Reese is a healthy little chap with a pleasant face and strong body. No one could avoid liking him and everyone is overjoyed at his improvement.

THANKS

The Daily expresses its deep appreciation of a box of cigars, Christmas gift from the Central National Bank.

ALBANY ADOPTS A LICENSE SCHEDULE

Insurance On the City Properties Also Is Discussed

The Albany council passed the license schedule for the year of 1925 at a special session on Friday night. The schedule is now arranged and ready for the press.

A discussion of the insurance on civic properties was brought up and the matter set aside for the next meeting on January 2.

The Decatur Box and Basket company agreed to furnish cinders for the repair of the street before the plant, and the council promises to perform the necessary work on the road. The factory also asked for fire plugs in its vicinity, agreeing to install and pay for the upkeep of one on the condition that the city installed another. Decision on this proposal was also deferred until the next regular meeting.

Christmas Tree At Community Hall

Miss Julian Gronendyke who has charge of the community work on East Albany, entertained the children on Friday evening at 6:30 with a Christmas tree at the community hall. A delightful program by the children, consisting of Bible Stories music and readings was given and stereopticon pictures of the Nativity were shown. The children all received dolls, candies and fruits from the tree, which was in charge of a real Santa Claus. A demonstration was made of all the work done by the girls during the past month.

GRASS BLAZE

At 3:30 Friday afternoon the Albany fire department was called to extinguish a grass fire at 522 Grant street. At 8 o'clock on Saturday morning it stopped a blaze on the roof of a building at 517 Canal street before any damage was done.

LARGE SUM SPENT ON IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS HERE

Nearly Ten Miles New Paving Laid During the Past Year

NEW BUILDINGS ARE CONSTRUCTED

Industries Progress In 1924 Resume of Operations Shows

Progress in the Twin Cities for the year 1924 has been marked with a wonderful improvement in civic utilities. Approximately 9.3 miles of asphalt and concrete paving has been laid at an expense of about \$550,000 giving the towns one of the best internal traffic systems found in the state. Three miles of these streets were laid in Albany and about 6.3 miles in Decatur. Several storm sewers and other drainage features are included in this contract which was filled by the Independent Paving company.

The \$130,000 that was spent for new buildings in Albany include four business houses and 27 residences, one of which was constructed at a cost of more than \$20,000. The \$80,000 iron and steel plant of the Decatur Cornice and Roofing company is not included in this summary. This factory was constructed in the early part of the year, and is now producing finished wares, and employing about 100 men with a large payroll.

New buildings in Decatur have been erected at a cost of more than \$100,000. Three residences among this number cost near the five figure mark. Not included in this estimate is the re-building of the Holland-Blow State factory which was destroyed by fire in November and is now being replaced at a cost of \$25,000.

Completion of the Hopgood power line, being extended here from lock 12 of the Coosa river by the Alabama Power company is in sight. The cities are now getting power from the Gorgas plant on the Warrior, and the completion of this wire will insure a steady flow of current at all times and at the same time promises a reduction in the cost of power for commercial uses.

Development of the rock asphalt mines to the south by the Southern Rock Asphalt company gives a rosy promise for the future. All tests that have been made on this material for road building have shown excellent results, and it is believed by experts to be one of the best materials that can be used for that purpose. It is estimated that there is enough of the asphalt available to last 100 years at the highest rate of production. A \$25,000 plant for the mining and preparation of this material for ready use is proposed, and work on it is planned to begin in April.

Movements have been placed on foot for the construction of a bridge to span the Tennessee river here. As early estimate of the cost of this bridge is placed at half a million dollars and bids have been received for that amount, although engineers are still working on estimates. A contract has been made with the Hewitt company a financial campaign and public service corporation of Spartanburg, South Carolina to conduct a campaign for marketing the stocks and bonds for the purpose of raising funds to build the bridge, and work is expected to begin on the project in the spring of 1925.

Several large eastern textile concerns have inspected the Twin Cities for sites for factories and their engineers have stated that the Tennessee Valley is the most likely direction that can be found for the expansion of the textile industry from the standpoint of power, labor and transportation.

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Classified Ads and Business Directory

WANTED—\$15,000 on a first class investment near Albany at 7 per cent interest for 5 years. Have you this amount. J. A. Thornhill.

J. A. THORNHILL—Has several bargains in homes, money to loan, fire insurance, rentals, collections, deeds mortgages and all legal papers written. Phone 115 Albany.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR RENT—5 room house 1221 5th avenue South \$20.00 month rent. See Miss Barteau at 315 Cain street or phone 257 Decatur. 27-3t.

FOR SALE—1918 Model Ford touring car without starter. Dolton Smith, 621 3rd avenue West. 24-3t.

FOR SALE—A Chase piano, built in players, at a bargain; on terms; can be seen at 621 Canal St., Phone Decatur 92-W. 18-tf

FOR SALE—Windshields any cars by C. E. Malone. 27-tf

FOR RENT

NOTICE—For Sale—New five room bungalow on East Sherman street. Price \$2,000. Terms \$400.00 cash balance \$30.00 per month. This ad will appear one time only, because it will sell. W. V. Davidson with Penney and Whitman. 27-1t.

FOR RENT—Store on corner of Church and Bank street. Call D. D. Burlison, 258-J Albany. 27-3t.

FOR RENT—Four room cottage at 410 East Market street. Decatur. Call Decatur 54. 27-3t.

FOR RENT—Furnished room close in. Phone Albany 454. 27-3t.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for housekeeping. Modern conveniences. Close to high school and business section. 105 Prospect Drive. Phone Albany 375-J. 27-3t.

Nicely furnished apartment, 2 rooms and kitchenette, 903 Canal street. Phone Decatur 284-L3. 26-3t.

FOR RENT—Store building on Bank street. 1 seven room dwelling, Canal. 1 story dwelling, Cain and Line. Thos. E. Pride. 20-tf.

LOST OR FOUND

LOST—Between 309 Prospect Drive and Princess theater O. E. S. brooch engraved on back from Mizpah chapter to Sallie Nelson, June 1923-1924. Finder please return to 309 Prospect Drive or call 512-W and receive reward. 26-3t.

LOST—Bar pin containing three small diamonds. Reward for return to Daily office. 24-3t.

WANTED—Ford Coupe 1924 model, or Dodge Coupe roadster or sedan. Phone 65. Apply 434 Grant street. Albany, Ala. 27-3t.

Earn \$5, \$10 weekly addressing, mailing circulars. Send stamped envelope for particulars. Palace Mail Co., Toledo, Ohio. 27-1t.

SALEMAN—Sell full line crockery, glass, aluminum. Also cash and job lots white and decorated crockery and enamelware. Big commission. Baker Pottery Co., Sebring, Ohio. 27-1t.

WANTED—An old legal reserve company writing life, accident and health insurance. Will establish a general agency in Decatur or Albany within the next few weeks. Correspondence desired with clean, live men for this attractive proposition. Address L-142, care of Daily. 22-6t

WANTED—A bookkeeper; a young lady to keep books, experience not necessary, but must be able to write a good legible hand and be accurate in figures. Make application in your own handwriting to Box 335, Albany, Ala. 23-tf

MISCELLANEOUS

I HAVE a good Ford car for sale. J. L. Echols. 12-tf

Wheel goods of many kinds for the little folks. Make your selection now. Carrell Furniture Co 24-tf

WILL GIVE use of horses or mules to parties who will take good care of them until February 1st, 1925, for their upkeep. J. L. Echols. 12-tf

STOCK impounded by the City of Decatur, 1 bay horse mule, 9 or 10 years old, blind in right eye. 26-3t.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. CALDWELL—are invited to be the guests of the management of the Princess tonight.

MONEY to loan in sums to suit. Apply to New Morgan County Building and loan Association. 10-tf.

PIANOS and PLAYERS from \$150 up. Phonographs from \$15.00 up. Organs from \$20 up. Sold on easy terms. E. E. Forbes & Sons Piano Company, J. H. Callahan, manager. 210 Johnson street next door to Dixie Market. 23-3t.

The want columns offer a splendid opportunity to the man who wants work and to the man who wants help. Advertise today its only a small sum that you will be glad to have spent. It is a wise investment.

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REMEMBER—

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Do you remember the last time you were laid up for several weeks on account of sickness or an accident. Did you make up your mind then, that you would get a Reliance "PERFECT PROTECTION" policy as soon as you had recovered?

DISABILITY DIGS DEEP, it digs into your pocket-book, and it digs into your savings account. There are Doctor's bills to pay, maybe Hospital bills and other expenses. Why don't you get A Reliance "PERFECT PROTECTION" policy which insures you against loss due to SICKNESS, ACCIDENTS, or DEATH.

THE BEST PEOPLE INSURE BECAUSE THEY HAVE SOMETHING WORTH INSURING.

W. E. Shackelford

Reliance Life



Rudolph Valentino in the Paramount Picture, 'Monsieur Beaucaire' A Sidney Olcott Production

Monday and Tuesday

AMUSEMENTS

If the word "super-production" had not been so sadly abused and misused, we would be sorely tempted to apply it to Rudolph Valentino's latest Paramount picture, 'Monsieur Beaucaire' which is here at the Princess theater. For if ever a picture deserved superlatives it surely is this screenplay, which Forrest Halsey adapted from Booth Tarkington's gloriously human story and which reaches the silver sheet via the directorial guidance of Sidney Olcott.

As for the supporting cast, it may well be set up as a standard of excellence, including as it does, Bebe Daniels, Lois Wilson, Doris Kenyon, Lowell Sherman, Ian MacLaren, John Davidson, Paulette Goddard and many, many others famous on stage and screen.

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

State of Alabama,
Morgan County

Whereas on the 6th day of April, 1923, L. J. Speer and wife, Charlie M. Speer, did make and execute to the undersigned a certain mortgage on the hereinafter described property, to secure an indebtedness of the said L. J. Speer to the undersigned which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Morgan County, Alabama, in Volume 306, page 328; and

WHEREAS, in and by the terms of said mortgage it is stipulated among other things, that should the said mortgagors fail to comply with any one or more of the covenants, conditions, terms and conditions therein contained, among which was an agreement and covenant to pay to the undersigned, a certain amount of dues, premium and interest per month, the undersigned is authorized to sell, said property to the highest bidder for cash in front of the Court House door of Morgan County, Alabama, and to execute title to the purchaser, after publication of notice thereof for ten days either by posting or by one or more publications in a newspaper published in Morgan County, Alabama, and the undersigned is authorized to purchase at said sale, as if a stranger, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the said Mortgagors have failed to comply with said covenants, terms, conditions and agreements, and have made default in the payment of dues, interest and premiums, and the interest secured by the mortgage is past due and in default; NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, will, on the 3rd day of January, 1925, within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the East Court House Door, Decatur, Alabama, for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness evidenced by said mortgage, the interest thereon, and all costs and expenses thereof, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 13, Block 42, Addition 2 of the Decatur Land Improvement and Furnace Company's Addition to Decatur, Alabama, as shown by map or plat of said Addition filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Morgan County, Alabama, and situated in the City of Albany, Alabama, together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

This December 20, 1924.
Albany Building & Loan Association, Inc., Mortgagee.
Eyster & Eyster,
Attorneys for Mortgagee.
Dec. 20-27.

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MRS. WHITNEY PREPARES WAR MEMORIAL FOR FRANCE.



Above is shown the model of the war memorial designed by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, wife of the multi-millionaire New York sportsman, to be unveiled June 26, 1926, on the rocks in the harbor of St. Nazaire, France. It is called the "Spirit of the American Eagle," and will be the gift of the American St. Nazaire Society to the French to commemorate the landing of the first American troops at St. Nazaire on June 26, 1917.

CHURCHES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school 9:45
Special New Year's service at 11 a. m. All members are requested to be present. Christian Endeavor 6:45. Preaching at 7:30. The public is invited to attend these services.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Other services at usual hours. There is a comfortable pew and a welcome for you
Rev. R. T. Liston who holds one of the Fellowships in Union Theological Seminary Richmond, Va., will preach in the Westside Presbyterian church, Albany at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. You are cordially invited to come.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45.
Preaching 11 and 7 o'clock.
Other services at usual hours.

ASSOCIATE REFORMED

PRESBYTERIAN
Sabbath School 10:00.
Sermon 11 and 7.
Christian union 6.

THE DECATUR BAPTIST CHURCH
11 "My Lord and My God."
7:30 "The Healing of Sin."

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 and 7.
Bible Study Wednesday evening 7:30.
Ladies Class Thursday 3:00.
Daily Reading Matt. 21.
A cordial welcome awaits you

FIRST METHODIST

9:30 Sunday school
11 Sermon by the pastor.
6:30 Epworth League.
7:30 Sermon by the pastor.
The church that makes you feel at home.

CENTRAL BAPTIST

9:30 Sunday school.
11 Preaching: 'Nineteen-twenty-five' Apostrophe.
5 Junior B. Y. P. U.
5:30 Intermediate B. Y. P. U.
6:30 Senior B. Y. P. U.
7:30 preaching
Welcome to everybody. Good music. Violin solo morning and evening by Prof. Katcher.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Sunday school 9:30.
7:00 preparatory service for Holy Communion.
7:30 Divine Worship Sermon. Topic "The Mystery of the Incarnation of Christ." Rev. Henry Meyer of Cullman will occupy the pulpit.

CHURCH OF GOD

This is Missionary Day.
Missionary Sunday school lesson 9:45.
Worship and preaching 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.
Young people's meeting 5:30.
Prayer and Praise Wednesday 7:00.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Sunday school 9:30.
Christian Endeavor 6 p. m.
Junior C. E. 2:30 p. m.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST

9:45 Sunday school
11 "A plea for a perennial Christmas Spirit."
3 B. Y. P. U.
7 "One Thing Thou Lackest"
A cordial invitation and welcome to members, friends and visitors Come.

OFFICE CAT



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Hot air can take a balloon up a long ways, but it can't keep it there.

Where was the baby born?

In the middle of the ocean.

Oh, I see, that accounts for the squall.

Husband (looking at volcano) What a wonderful scene.

Wife: By the way, dear, did you turn off the gas before we left home?

A good fellow as a rule is one who enjoys having you watch him spend money on himself.

Mama, why hasn't papa any hair? Because he thinks so much. Well, why have you so much hair? Because—Now you go right in and study your lesson, you naughty boy.

Why grieve because you were not born with a silver spoon in your mouth. It might have choked you to death.

Not so hot, said the man as he started to make up the first fire of the winter.

If it is true that the greatest thinkers of the time are baldheaded, what of the women? What of the women? WHAT OF THE WOMEN?

The doctor who removed his own appendix can doubtless hereafter be referred to as the "village 'I opener'."

Unheard of Expressions

Yes, mum, one day off each fortnight will suit me nicely.

"I'm returning your umbrella. I

ook it by mistake."

"Now our honeymoon is over, dear-

st, you must insist on your mother

coming to stay with us for a month

or so."

"I regard the payment of Income

Tax as a pleasant and patriotic duty."

"That hair you found on my coat,

dear, came from the head of a pretty

typist."

"Good afternoon, I was sincerely

hoping I shouldn't see you."

"Yes, darling, I've kissed many girls

before you."

"She's much prettier than I am."

"Sure, Pat, an' ye can call me what

ye like, I won't fight ye, I hate

scrappin'."

"Say, boy, but that's larger and

finer than anything we've got in the

States."

"Why, yes, dear, I've been enjoying

myself thoroughly at the club. I was

not detained at the office."

"Your worship, I wish to state that

I was driving at over sixty miles an

hour when the constable stopped me."

"Please, sir, may I have the day

off. I want to go to a cricket match."

WORDS of WISE MEN

The main principles of reason are in themselves apparent. For, to make nothing evident of itself unto man's understanding were to take away all possibility of knowing anything.

Abstain from dissolute laughter, uncomely jests, loud talking and jeering, which in civil account, are called indecencies and impoliticities.

No man ought to be charged with principles he actually disowns, unless his practices contradict his profession.

Dependence is a perpetual call upon humanity, and a greater incitement to tenderness and pity than any other motive whatsoever.

To have knowledge in all the objects of contemplation is what the mind can hardly attain unto. The instances are few of those who have in any measure approached toward it.

It is every man's duty to labor in his calling, and not to despond for any miscarriage or disappointments that were not in his own power to prevent.

When wise men are actuated by a knowledge of the world, they give a reputation to literature, and convince the world of its usefulness.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Alabama Water Com-

pany.
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alabama Water Company will be held at the company's office in Albany, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 20, 1925, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. at which time a board of directors will be elected and all business which may properly come before the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of a corporation in Alabama will be transacted. The meeting shall also be held for the purpose of authorizing the increase of the bonded indebtedness of said company, so that the bonded indebtedness of said corporation may be increased \$750,000 which indebtedness shall be evidenced by the issue of a like amount of First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest, and payable on the first day of July 1947, when said bonds are to be secured by a Decree of Trust dated July 1, 1922, already executed on the properties of the company; The proceeds of such bonds shall be used for the purpose of reimbursing the treasury of the company for improvements, additions, betterments, extensions and enlargements of the works and properties said corporation already made, and for the acquisition by purchase otherwise of other or additional properties to those now owned by the company, or for the improvement or extension of the properties now owned and operated, or for the purpose of constructing new plants and properties, and for general corporate purposes.

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A DAILY PRAYER.—May we always feel that our eyes strain after Thee, because in some mysterious way a gleam of Thy mercy had reached our hearts.

WOODROW WILSON RETURNED FROM EUROPE AS VICTOR AND CONQUEROR SAYS ALDERMAN

The complete text of the memorial address, delivered by Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman, delivered before a joint session of the two houses of congress December 15, in honor of the late President Woodrow Wilson, have been printed and are being circulated over the nation.

Press accounts at the time of the address touched all of the high points and informed us that the speaker's tribute was a beautiful one, but the complete text is even more gripping than were the published accounts. In the complete text we find Dr. Alderman upholding the League of Nations and picturing President Wilson on his return from the treaty table, as a "conqueror." It must have been a bitter pill for some of the senatorial irreconcilables as they sat in the senate and heard Dr. Alderman say:

"Woodrow Wilson was not a revolutionist. Political reform by 'red ruin and the breaking up of laws' was not in his blood. He chose the League of Nations, surrendering, in the anguish of compromise, such portions of his doctrine of international justice as he could not get. I am of those who believe that he gained more than he sacrificed at Versailles, and I know that he alone among mortal men could have salvaged out of that sea of passion the League of Nations, the bravest and most reasonable effort to rationalize national relations in political history. The statement sometimes made that he fell beaten down by the superior adroitness and intelligence of his European colleagues is a piece of analysis entitling its author to a high place in any hierarchy of inferior minds. What was liberal in the Versailles treaty Wilson's faith and courage helped to put there. What was reactionary he fought against to the limit of his strength and accepted only to gain an instrument which he believed had in it power to purge and correct.

"He had the heart to match the moral hopes of the twentieth century a faith to inspire it and to justify the sacrifice of millions of lives; and if there was failure in Jans Smut's words, it was humanity's failure. To make him, the one undaunted advocate of those hopes, the scapegoat of a world collapse is to visit upon him injustice so cruel that it must perish of its own unreason. Therefore I do not envisage Woodrow Wilson as a failure as he came back to these shores bearing in his hands the covenant of the league and the imperfect treaty itself. I envisage him rather as a victor and conqueror, unsurpassed in moral devotion, and offering to his country leadership in the broadest and worthiest cause in all the story of human struggle for a better life. What statesman in the history of world adjustment in defense of a code of shining, if unattainable, idealism had ever borne himself more stoutly or battled with such foes or achieved with so little support at home or abroad, so astounding a result?

The speaker, early in his address, reminded his hearers that history, alone, can fix the status of statesmen. So it must be with the lamented president. The generation which comes after the generation of which prominent men are a part, will decide as between the great and the near great. The decision will be rendered after those who have loved and those who have hated the principal have departed. The decision will be rendered by those "capable of beholding him with eyes undimmed by emotion and judging him with minds unclouded by prejudice or by passion."

So, disregarding the temptation to point out all of the great movements which Woodrow Wilson, as chief executive, had sponsored, Dr. Alderman closed his remarkable address with a tribute of rare beauty to Woodrow Wilson; the man, declaring:

His ambition to serve his country was as intense as Cromwell's. It was not easy for him to forget or to forgive. The pride of righteousness sometimes froze the more genial currents of his soul, but he was willing to die, and did die, to guarantee to humble men a fairer chance in a juster world, and therefore the savage assaults of his enemies will shrivel into the insignificance of Horace Greeley's editorials against Lincoln's policies or the futility of the early century pamphleteers against Thomas Jefferson as iconoclast and anti-Christ, and his more detractors will themselves either attain a repellant fame as detractors of greatness or else they will pass out of memory and no one will ask:

Who or what they have been
 More than he asks what waves
 Of the midmost ocean have swelled,
 Foamed for a moment and gone.
 The four closing years in the life of Woodrow Wilson were harsh, unheroic, uninspiring years in public affairs,

such as generally follow the emotional climaxes of war, and it is a commonplace to describe them as years of personal tragedy to him. A vast disillusionment, a chaos miscalled peace, a kind of shamefacedness and cynicism in the recollection of its dreams and faith in the triumph of moral ideals, seemed to hold the nation and the world in its grasp. As far as Woodrow Wilson himself was concerned, it is well perhaps not to confuse the bodily pain, the pained side, and all the cold malignities of the time with the essential meaning of those years. Adversity had been wanting in his career, and now it was come upon him, and he was to have acquaintance with its sublime refinement, and the country was to gain knowledge of its power to smite the hearts of just men with love for the baffled fighter who had known none too much of popular affection in his career of self-reliant conquest.

He carried his head high in the dying days of his public service, omitting no duty his strength could bear, meeting the gracious courtesy of his successor at the end with an equal courtesy, as they rode away from the White House, so deeply associated in American history with memories of sorrow and pain, as well as pomp and power, while unseen of human eyes to each of them alike "tragedy with accepted pall comes sweeping by."

In the days left to him as the first private citizen of the Republic, unlike Burke, he did not waste his strength in windy opposition or facetious controversy. He wrote no memoirs. "With my historical sense, how could I be my own biographer," he said. He exploited in no way his wide fame, uttered no complaint, suffered no pity, displayed no vain glory. It was as if a great gentleman, "weary of the weight of this unintelligible world," sought his peace at last in a quiet home luminous with love and perfect care, and shut out at last from the noises and the storm. From this sanctuary, day by day, it was given him to behold the processes of his own immortality, as simple men and women gathered about his home and perceived in his wan image the poignant symbol of their great days and the historic link forever binding them to noble enthusiasms.

The very depth and dignity of his silence won through to the imagination of men, and when he spoke, the world stood at attention; heartened to have knowledge that his high hopes for mankind were undimmed, and that there was no faltering in that firm faith of his that liberty guided by reason and not by force was the contribution of his century to human advancement. I doubt not that regrets visited his mind for lost opportunities that might have been better used; as he reviewed the pageant of his life in these long sequestered days; but a durable satisfaction must needs have fortified his soul, that even the devil's advocate must bear witness to that—

He had loved no darkness,
 Sophisticated no truth,
 Allowed no fear.

A grace which his heart craved came in the exaltation and excitement of the vision of a valiant new generation on the march, intent to light its torches at the still burning fire of his purpose to substitute for the arbitrament of war and death the reign of law, to restore to the land of his love and his loyalty its surrendered ascendancy, and to guarantee to the principles he had fought for eternal validity. The puzzle and complex of his dual nature seemed at last to fall into a mold of simplicity and consistency. "We die but once, and we die without distinction if we are not willing to die the death of sacrifice. Honor and distinction come only as rewards for service to mankind." Thus Woodrow Wilson had spoken in the days of his strength to high-hearted American youth, and now he could of right claim the supreme distinction as his very own! And so even as death enfolded him in its shadows, men paused in their busy lives and came to comprehend that a man of great faith had lived in their era, akin in heart and blood to John Milton and John Hampden, Mazzini, and Luther, that a prophet had guided their country and stirred the heart of mankind in an hour of destiny, and that an incorruptible liberal aflame with will to advance the slow ascent of man had joined those whom men call immortal and stood among that high fellowship,
 Constant as the Northern Star
 Of whose true, fixed, and lasting quality,
 There is no fellow in the firmament.

A TRAIN OF THOUGHTS

For the Sabbath and Other Days

By J. E. Blair

Traffic laws are of great public interest. They are very much like the laws made to govern pilgrims, such as John Bunyan described. Just as there is no progress along the streets and highways, unless traffic laws are obeyed; neither do heaven bound pilgrims make an inch of progress, unless they obey the traffic laws of God. Not only is progress arrested by disobedience, but leath itself results, both to the bodies and souls of all who persist in disregarding heaven's traffic laws. In Birmingham very recently, a traffic officer said to a countryman auto driver as he neared a street corner: "You cannot turn this way." Replied the driver, "Oh, yes, I guess I can." He saw nothing in the way of his turning. There was no physical obstruction. The eye of the countryman saw nothing to hinder him doing as he pleased. But the result was a jail housed poor countryman! He had taken the words of the policeman, as simply so much advice. Do not "countrymen" take the preacher's admonitions, as to conduct along the road of life as so much "well-meant advice," to be taken or not? But as a matter of fact the preachers are stating divine "traffic laws," to be obeyed under pain of spiritual death!

No more can one SEE divine laws, than one can SEE the law as to travel along streets and highways. He must accept on faith and faith alone the word of the traffic "cop" when he says—"You cannot turn this way." And we must accept on faith and faith alone, the divine laws as to how to make the pilgrim journey. We live or die as to divine orders, by faith! The just shall walk by faith to heaven; the unjust shall walk by faith to the other place. All kinds of people have FAITH; the all important question is: "Whom do we trust?" The unthought—do like the "countryman" referred to—They say, "Oh, I guess I can go the downward road with impunity"—and they CAN, so far as they can SEE! The "downward-goers" look at their faces in the glass. They look all right for a time. But when sin has actually changed their countenances, hope and faith have generally departed forever! To put the message squarely: The countryman should have had faith in the traffic officer, instead of in his own foolish judgment. We should have faith in Christ, the divine Officer, who points the way to eternal life. Or to say the message in scripture language: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS IS OPENED.



The second, and short session of the 65th Congress has been opened in Washington. This photograph shows the House of Representatives as the chaplain, Rev. James S. Montgomery, offered the opening prayer. Speaker Frederick Gillett, soon to become United States Senator from Massachusetts, may be seen standing in the rear.

Large Sum Spent On Improvement Of Streets Here

(Continued from page one)

portation facilities. Nothing definite has been done by any of these firms but is believed that the new year will find several projects of this kind locating in this section. An option and a tentative lease has been taken on a factory site here by one of these large concerns.

The General Construction company, with a branch office in Albany, has purchased a lot in Decatur, and plans to break ground soon after New Year on a handsome tenement to be named the Valley Court Apartments, to be built at a cost of \$50,000. This experiment follows that of two apartments erected in Albany in 1923, and that are now doing excellent business.

The large cotton crop raised in this section this year, and which sold for excellent prices throughout the year, has provided ready money for the farming classes and placed them on their feet financially, and at the same time took care of the merchants. Although the merchandise trade was a little slow through the fall season, the late cool weather has accelerated it to a great extent, and good business was enjoyed before the holidays. More than 5,000 bales of cotton was ginned in the Twin Cities establishments for the season.

One of the most important lines

of progress in the Twin Cities has been the increasing protection to property owners against fire. During the past year it is estimated that less than \$15,000 was lost in damage to this source in the city of Albany. The largest fire in the precinct came late in November when several negro -nt houses were destroyed in the Oklahoma section, at a loss of about \$3,500. The only serious fire in Decatur was that of the Holland-Blow Stave factory, which came on November 11, causing a damage of about \$25,000. Other than this the damage by fire in that city for the year was very low.

PARIS PRAISES LOFTY SENTIMENTS

(Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Paris today is talking admiringly of M. Robineau, governor of the bank of France, because he has refused a salary calculated on the basis of the depreciated franc. He still draws as compensation the same number of francs he did before the war. "I came into this bank poor and I shall leave it poor," says M. Robineau.

The minister of finance recently divulged this about M. Robineau in the chamber, and all the deputies applauded.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

SAY IT WITH WHISTLES

(Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES—The mysteries of the language of railroad engines as spoken through the engineer's whistle have been revealed by the Southern Pacific company in an announcement for the benefit of the general public. The significance of the engineer's performances on his whistle is explained as follows:

Four blasts two of medium length and two short, are a warning that a locomotive is approaching a grade crossing.

A succession of short blasts tells trespassers to get off the track.

One long blast followed by three short ones sends the road flagman back to protect against a following train.

Four or five blasts of medium duration recall the flagman.

Four short whistles is the engineer's way of asking for train order signal.

Two short whistles mean "Thank you" or "I get you."

One whistle of medium duration followed by two short blasts calls attention to signals displayed for a following section.

One long blast is given when train is approaching a station, draw bridge or junction.

Two short blasts given three times are a signal to the trainmen that the airbrakes are sticking.

Town Creek

A pretty affair of the season was that given by Mrs. W. J. Lee at her home in Town Creek Tuesday evening when she was hostess at a bridge party in compliment to Miss Juanita Cameron who is at home from Columbia University, New York, for the holidays. The spacious living and dining rooms were tastefully decorated with holly, mistletoe and other Christmas motifs. Hand made score cards and pads decorated in the Christmas colors were most attractive and added to the festive spirit of the occasion. Bridge was played at seven tables.

Miss Lavinia Chardovogynne received the high score prize for the ladies, a dainty vanity set, Mr. R. M. Dubose was presented a bridge set for making the highest score for the men. The honoree, Miss Cameron, received a lovely handpainted perfume bottle, after which a salad course was served.

Mrs. Lee was assisted in entertaining by her charming young daughter, Miss Kathleen Lee.

The guests who enjoyed this affair were: Miss Martha Nathan, Messrs. Clopper Almon, Allison Drisdale, and Jack Hunter of Sheffield, Mrs. James McGlathery of Florence, Misses Marie Rebmam, Lavinia Chardovogynne, Leila Sykes, Ina Robbins Rebmam, Katie Frank Gilchrist, Phillipa Gilchrist, Edith Gilchrist, Mrs. Louise French Jones, Mrs. Janie Brown Morgan, Messrs. R. M. Dubose, Robert Tweedy, John Grant, Edward Phippen, Edward Bynum, Robert Coburn, Garth Gilchrist, Morgan Sherrod, Fred Ashford and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Meigs and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Saunders of Courtland.

UNDELIVERED MAIL TEN YEARS OLD FOUND IN DEAD POSTMAN'S HOME

(Associated Press)

BELFAST, Dec. 27.—More than 1,000 undelivered letters from all parts of the United Kingdom, including registered packets as well as ordinary mail, were found hidden in the home of Thomas S. Keady, a postman, who died here recently. Some of the letters were more than ten years old, and were found secreted in Keady's bed and in different parts of the house. All were unopened, and will be delivered to the addresses indicated.

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A SENSIBLE LITTLE BUTTERFLY MOTHER.

"O you silly little thing!" Doris exclaimed as she saw the little white butterfly hover over the cabbage plant a yard and then settle down on one of the leaves. "Why don't you go out in the front yard? Honey can't be found on an old cabbage leaf."

"Who said honey?" and the lovely white butterfly flew right up where Doris was digging around the roots of a cabbage and bowed her pretty head to Doris. "Did I hear you say something about honey?" she asked very politely.

"I was just wondering if you expected to get honey out of this cabbage plant," laughed Doris. "Why don't you go around in the garden in front and get honey?" The butterfly was thick out there.

"Sure, my dear. I just came from there a few minutes ago," replied the White Butterfly. "I'm not hunting honey now you know. I was just laying a few eggs on this cabbage plant."

"On the cabbage plant?" Doris exclaimed. "What in the world do you choose an old cabbage plant for? I should think you'd rather put them in some of the pretty flowers."

"We Cabbage Butterflies always leave our eggs on either the cabbage leaves or the mustard plant," replied the white butterfly. "I'm a Cabbage Butterfly you see. Then, too, I think a cabbage plant just the proper place for my young caterpillars. When they first hatch out they are a pale green, just about the shade of the cabbage leaf and folks can't see them very well on a green background."

"But I should think they'd soon eat the cabbage leaves all up," laughed Doris. "Do they change homes when they turn some other color?"

"That's one thing I feel badly about," sighed Mother Cabbage Butterfly. "They do destroy the cabbage plants more than I'd like to have them, but what can a poor Cabbage Butterfly do? That's why I picked on this garden right here—because I saw so many cabbage plants. I felt sure the owner wouldn't mind if my children did eat up one or two cabbage plants."

"It doesn't take so very long before they have mowed for the last time, then they leave the plants, and find a fence-post or an old board to spin their web on. Into this web, they tangle their feet and hang head down until they change into butterflies."

"One thing fit their favor is they are always green, just the shade of the cabbage leaves. If you'll watch these eggs carefully, they will hatch into little green caterpillars in just about three weeks."

"In cold weather it takes as long as five weeks before they are full grown butterflies," and Mrs. Cabbage Butterfly placed several more tiny, pale yellow eggs on the cabbage leaf fastening them carefully in place. Then, nodding her pretty white head at Doris, she sailed away into the sunshine.

"Isn't that funny," Doris mused as she looked at the tiny eggs. "I'll put a stone right here by this plant so I'll know just where to find the caterpillars." Putting a big stone down at the roots of the cabbage plant, Doris gathered up her hoe and hat and ran back to the house.

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MRS. THOMPSON'S LUNCHEON FOR MRS. HENKEL

Mrs. Louis Henkel of Birmingham was the hostess of Mrs. A. H. Hoff for the Christmas holidays was the inspiration for one of the prettiest luncheons of the season given in her honor by Mrs. S. M. Thompson in the private dining room of the Hotel Hilda on Monday at noon. The table was simply but effectively decorated in the center being a large, pointed poinsettia and at even spaces toward the ends were smaller pots holding these same flowers. The burning tapers were in crystal holders and shaded in red and green, and dainty favors at each place were miniature baskets filled with green and red mints.

Attractive and appropriate place cards on which Santa Claus was seen going down the chimney marked the places for Mrs. Thompson's guests including Mrs. Louis Henkel of Birmingham the guest of honor, Mrs. A. H. Hoff, Miss Unity Dancy, Mrs. Thomas A. Bowles, Mrs. E. W. Godbey, Mrs. Seneca Burr, Mrs. B. S. Cortner, Mrs. Milton Harvey, Mrs. Charles Rountree, Mrs. W. E. Steed, Mrs. W. A. Hill, Mrs. E. H. Allison, Mrs. J. I. Chrissinger, Mrs. R. L. Maury, Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. A. E. Humphrey, Mrs. Marcia Bullard, Mrs. W. P. Baugh, Mrs. F. F. Tidwell, Mrs. J. L. Gunter and Miss Mary Lou Dancy. A delicious four course luncheon was served.

DANCE AT COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Russell proved themselves a charming host and hostess on Friday evening when they gave a beautiful dance at the Valley Country Club.

The club rooms were unusually beautiful in seasons decorations each mantle holding a decorated miniature Christmas tree with evergreens on each side. Red and green streamers caught in the center with a large Christmas ball were draped overhead and the scones on the side walls were twined with evergreens tied with red and green ribbons.

During the intermission sandwiches and coffee were served in the dining room after which dancing was resumed and enjoyed until the wee small hours.

TUESDAY WHIST CLUB

The Tuesday Whist Club will be entertained by Miss Mary Harvey next week.

MRS. S. J. PRICE HONORED

Circle Number Three of the First Baptist church delightfully surprised Mrs. S. J. Price on Christmas evening when they gathered at her home on Ninth Avenue West and before entering sang "Silent Night" after which they brought in a Christmas tree loaded down with pretty and useful gifts for her.

A pleasant evening was spent with the guest of honor.

PARTY FOR HARTSELLE VISITORS

On Christmas evening Miss Amy Lee Speake entertained her house guests, Misses Maxey Gill and Ruby Gibson of Hartselle at a lovely six o'clock dinner. At the appointed hour the guests were invited into the dining room which was beautifully decorated in red and green cut roses being in evidence. A three course dinner of Christmas delicacies were served after which all of the guests enjoyed an evening at the theater.

Invited guests were the honorees; Misses Hilda Harris, Thelma Hatfield, Louise Hodges and Maxey and Amy Lee Speake, Messrs. Glenn Lee, Irving Mitchell, David Chunn, Spurgeon Speer, Earl Lee, Glenn Mitchell, of Hartselle and James Ratliff also of Hartselle.

FRATERNITY DINNER

The Phi Delta fraternity members of the cities of Huntsville, Athens, Hartselle and Albany-Decatur are hosts at a dinner party this evening at the Hotel Hilda.

This affair is the initial one of a series to be enjoyed annually during the Christmas season.

Mrs. N. B. Smith of Benton, Ill., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Nelson.

Mrs. L. Herbert and daughter, Marjory of Memphis, Tenn., arrived Friday night to be the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Houze, for the remainder of the holidays.

Mrs. C. C. Cox will be hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club next week at her home on Lafayette street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee of Birmingham are the weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lee in Pricville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bibb and children of Birmingham are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bibb.

Miss Mabel Peor after spending Christmas with her parents, left today for Birmingham for a few days visit after which she will resume her teaching duties at Brookwood.

Mrs. W. P. Russell spent Wednesday in Birmingham with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Sanford of Atlanta, Ga., are visitors in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wallace of Aniston motored here to be the holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Russell.

Miss Lucille Patterson of Montgomery is visiting Mrs. R. H. Wolcott.

The Mothers Club Kindergarten will resume their work on Monday morning following the holiday recess.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sandlin left Wednesday with their children for the Rio Grande Valley where they expect to live in the future.

Misses Maxey Gill and Ruby Gibson of Hartselle spent the past few days with Miss Amy Lee Speake here leaving for their home on Friday.

Mrs. Howard Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wright and Miss Valley Wright spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wright at Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beungh of Birmingham are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers.

Mrs. A. Lamar Poindester and daughter Betty of Dalton, Ga., arrived Friday night to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Frank.

Judge and Mrs. W. T. Lowe are spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. W. T. Butler in Pulaski, Tenn., and are expected home on Sunday night.

Miss Bess Brown is visiting friends in Anniston during the holidays.

Oliver McCadeen of Birmingham is the guest of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Nelson.

England Has 41 Portias

LONDON—When seven women candidates were called to the bar a few days ago they brought the total number of female barristers practicing in England to 41.

Among the 99 candidates called on this occasion were one American citizen and a citizen of Russia. No rule exists preventing foreign subjects from being called to the English bar.

Famous Church Gets Huge Bell

COLOGNE—Cologne Cathedral is soon to have the largest bell in the world. It will weigh over 25 tons. The bell has been ready for shipment from a factory at Apolda for over a year, but on account of the foreign occupation of the Cologne zone it was deemed impracticable before this to install it.

You have to pay a good salesman a neat salary. Do you consider newspaper advertising a salesman? Then make out a monthly appropriation.

Rich Dula Youth Is Held in Suit.



ROBERT B. DULA, JR.

After an absence from New York of two years, Robert Byron Dula, Jr., son of an immensely wealthy New York family, was arrested and held in \$2,500 bail upon his return, in a separation suit brought by his wife, Elsie Hinman Dula. Mrs. Dula asks the tobacco magnate's son to pay her \$2,000 a month alimony and \$10,000 attorney's fees. Another suit for \$250,000 for alleged alienation of affections is pending against his father.

Somerville News

Misses Beat and Lillian Schlopp of Birmingham arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with their father R. H. Sample and family.

Billy Cunningham was in Hartselle Wednesday.

Misses Eva and Raje Winton were in Albany shopping on Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Nunn of Bankston, Ala., was here Wednesday night for the Christmas tree and exercises.

Tom Wade and family of Hartselle arrived Friday to visit relatives for the weekend.

Laurie Mitchell and family of Albany spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin.

Mrs. Mary Peck who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Jas. Cain in Tantsville is home now.

Mrs. Ada Herron was the guest on Thursday night and Friday of Misses England.

Mrs. Arthur Guyer, Miss Louise Guyer are guests of Mrs. Jas. Cain for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Miller returned home Friday from Albany where they have been guests of Mrs. Lula Wade for the holidays.

Mr. Arthur Guyer and son Montie of Hartselle was Christmas guests of Mrs. Jas. Cain.

Cleo Sharp of route one was here Thursday night visiting.

Athy. Waugh returned to Hampton, Roads, Va., after several days visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Waugh.

John Sample of Hartselle spent Christmas with his father R. H. Sample.

C. P. Johnston was in Albany Wednesday on business.

Miss Ruth Brindley of the M. C. H. S. is spending the holidays with her sister Mrs. Joe Martin.

British To Build Hangar To Outdo Lakehurst Shed

LONDON—Britain is to have an airship shed bigger than the mammoth one at Lakehurst N. J., roost of the Shenandoah and the Los Angeles. It will shelter one of the two 5,000,000 cubic feet capacity airships which the British government has decided to build.

The shed will be located at Cardington, near Bedford according to Modern Transport. It is to be merely the enlargement of the shed already there. Its increased length—812 feet—will make it 12 feet longer than the Lakehurst hangar and 27 feet longer than the shed at Friedrichafen where the ZR-3 was built. The height of the Cardington shed is to be increased to 156 feet.

The big British Zeppelins are to be flown regularly it is hoped between England and India. Mooring masts, an American invention, are to be installed along the route. The air vicemarshal, Sir W. Sefton Brancher has gone to India by airplane to study the possibilities for airship termini but there.

Chicago Institute Opens School of Play-Writing

CHICAGO—Drama entered the official Art Institute with the establishment of a department for the study and practice of acting playwriting and costume design and when the construction of a theater to house these activities has begun.

The theater will seat about 700 persons. Its architect made investigations in Europe and incorporated many special devices for the rapid and convenient handling of scenery without the usual means. The chief of these is a sky done over the entire stage, which obviates the use of drop curtains for exteriors and of movable floors on which an entire setting with its furniture and actors may ride to positions within the proscenium. The entire plant was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Owen Goodman as a memorial to their son, Kenneth Sawyer Goodman, playwright, who died in service during the war.

Thomas Wood Stevens for the last ten years head of the laboratory theatre at the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh has been appointed head of the department.

Follow the feature page of the Daily. Something in human interest for every reader. Follow Winifred Black; Dr. R. S. Copeland; Annie Laurie, Juanita Hamel or Adele Garrison. They are to be found in the Daily each afternoon.

MEN AND WOMEN IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT



FLORENCE ALLEN, BETTY FITCH, DOROTHY DALTON, MICHEL FOKINE

Betty Fitch, one of the members of the cast of Earl Carroll's Vanities, offered \$4,000 ring as bail when Carroll was held in \$350 bond for displaying alleged obscene pictures in lobby of his theatre, but he refused bail and went to Tomb for principle. Florence Allen, sprightly New York show girl, weakened in her battle with life and attempted to die by poison. When physicians pulled her through, she said she was sorry, and that she wouldn't try it again. Dorothy Dalton, motion picture actress, lost her court fight to recover \$5,000 for dresses lost from her trunk in a New York city hotel's storeroom, the court holding she assumed the responsibility when she placed them there. Michel Fokine, famous Russian dancer, lost \$1,500 because of his temper. He sued the Shuberts for that amount, which he was to have received for rehearsing his ballet. At the first rehearsal, some one laughed at his scanty costume and he left the theatre in a huff and refused to return. The courts ruled against him.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF TENNESSEE VALLEY BANK

On Call From State Banking Department, October 22, 1924

| RESOURCES | LIABILITIES |
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| Loans and Discounts \$4,413,487.67 | Capital Stock \$225,000.00 |
| Overdrafts 5,388.81 | Surplus Fund 225,000.00 |
| Stocks and Bonds 237,860.50 | Undivided Profits and Reserves 88,000.00 |
| Banking Houses (16) 107,000.00 | Bills Payable 75,000.00 |
| Furniture & Fixtures 48,251.01 | Deposits 5,270,000.00 |
| Other Real Estate 12,600.00 | |
| Cash and due from banks 1,058,687.59 | |
| Total \$5,883,275.58 | Total \$5,883,275.58 |

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EVERYBODY

A WIFE'S CONFESSIONAL

Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

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Madge Is Mystified by Mother Graham's Actions.

I STARED at Lillian's young daughter as if her winsome face were an oracle from which I could extract the meaning of the odd tale she was relating to me.

I had put down Mother Graham's talk of disgrace coming to Junior through her, and her demand for one hundred dollars to be forthcoming by Tuesday, as the impossible extravagance of a brain slightly disturbed by the shock of her fall. But this encounter of the children with the mysterious tramp who appeared so familiar with the names of the family, made it terrifyingly certain that I was facing something more substantial and unpleasant than dreams, even though they were nightmares.

But the story of a tramp who appeared to be familiar with the family history, had a sinister aspect which chilled me. Experience with Lillian's work has taught me to recognize things which otherwise I never would notice, but I felt that it took no unusual insight to smile blackly at some sort in this peculiar incident. But how could Mother Graham, a dainty woman of blameless life and the highest ideals—have anything in her life upon which a blackmailer could fasten? There was but one answer. She must be shielding someone. Who?

"Why Didn't You Answer?"

Something deep within me shied away from the answer instinctively. I knew that I did not wish the answer to the question as well as to another's insistent suspicion which was trying to voice itself. I interrupted Marion's story with a question.

"Why did you wait to answer him, Marion?"

"I didn't," she answered, wide-eyed. "As soon as he said about Junior being Richard's child or Elizabeth's—she quoted exactly the phraseology she had heard—I started to run away with Junior. But Junior tugged away and faced the man—the queerest thing you ever saw. Auntie Madge."

"I'm my papa's and mama's boy," he yelled as loud as he could, and then I grabbed him again and made him run with me.

"The man called after us," she went on. "He said, 'Stop, you little fools. Nobody's going to hurt you, but I didn't stop—I went straight for the bushes. Those evergreens that you can't see little people, but I could see his head above the bushes. He didn't run after us—I suppose he thought we'd yell—but after a minute I saw him down to ward the bridge, and I saw we couldn't get across unless we passed him. So I dodged around the other way and got into that big thick

TARGET PRACTICE

By Juanita Hamel



PRACTICE makes perfect! And now that Cupid has decided she is to enter the old—yet new—game of love, he is teaching her the most direct method of aiming at the hearts of her victims-to-be, using the snow man for a target. And Cupid makes the snowballs and chuckles to himself anticipating the moment when she will beg him for one of love's arrows that she may pierce the heart of the ONE man in the world—her beloved for all time.

YOUR HEALTH

Ulcers in Mouths of Babies Are Due to Wrong Feeding

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

I ASKED a young farmer friend of mine about his baby. "He has the sprue," he replied. This is the name commonly given in the country to sore mouth of babies.

Real sprue is a disease of the tropics and of the Orient. It has inflammation and ulcers of the tongue and mouth lining as symptoms. In this respect it is not unlike the symptoms of what the doctors call "aphthous sore mouth" or "stomatitis." The same word is used for the condition known to the medical profession as "thrush." This is simply another form of stomatitis.



The simple type of stomatitis is met in all the age groups. In grown people there may be a single ulcer or a crop of them. These are known as cankers.

Aphthous stomatitis is recognized by the tiny swollen spots on the lining of the lips and cheeks and on the edge of the tongue. At first they are like little blisters, but pretty soon they break, leaving small ulcers.

Thrush differs from aphthous sore mouth. Instead of the ulcers, a sort of membrane forms on the lining of the lips and cheeks and also on the roof of the mouth. There are areas slightly raised above the surface, and it looks like a peaty white. It is possible to scrape off the membrane which cannot be done in aphthous stomatitis.

All these disturbances of the mouth and tongue are due primarily to uncleanliness or to wrong feeding. They are rare in well-developed and usually healthy babies. On this account, poorly nourished and debilitated children are more liable to attack.

Prevention is better than cure in respect to all human life. But it is doubly true of what we may call the digestive ailments of children. Nine-tenths of the disabilities of babies can be traced to the lack of simple precautions necessary to proper infant feeding.

Unclean spoons, unclean feeding-bottles, unclean utensils used in the preparation of the feedings, uncleanliness of mother's fingers—some form of neglect is at the foundation of the trouble.

Let me say at once that there is never wilful or knowing neglect. Invariably it is due to lack of knowledge. Mothers are the most wonderful of God's creatures, and whenever they are taught, they never neglect to apply the most studied attention to the needs of their babies.

But now we will not consider how to prepare the food and what to feed. I shall advise you what to do if baby's mouth gets sore.

An alkaline mouth wash is useful. Linewater or a solution of bicarbonate of soda can be used. Add one teaspoonful of the soda to a glassful of water. Or borax may be employed in the same proportions.

A piece of soft cloth or the finger wrapped with absorbent cotton may be used to wash the little mouth. This must be done tenderly because it is very sore. The treatment is repeated every hour or two.

The food intake must be regulated and the doctor will prescribe appropriate treatment to build up the general health.

Advice to Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I have been reading your "Advice to Girls" and am very much interested in the letters you have received regarding "petting parties" and I want to tell you that you were correct in telling the young men to look around and they'll find a "Carmen" of their own.

An nineteen years old and am very popular, but did not become so through petting parties as I am very much opposed to them. I have been at several parties in the past two years and had wonderful times at them. We danced, sang, played cards, and I can safely say that not one present thought of starting a petting party. I am a great lover of sports, hiking, dancing and reading.

As for being in love with a man who refuses to speak to me because I did not kiss him, I must say that I think a girl who is foolish enough to waste her thoughts on a man of that type. That alone would be enough to tell me he is not a person with whom I'd care to associate. He is not a man.

I think the trouble with most young people of today is that they think they're in love when it's nothing more than infatuation. Wouldn't it be better to wait and test that love and find out if it is true, rather than jump ahead and suffer in the end? Don't you think so?

RAY.

RAY: You are the very girl I've been talking about all the time. The girl who is a "good sport" in the best sense of the word, who is interesting, well-read and an all-around companion can make friends and hold them without having to allow them to kiss her.

If a girl is charming and good company and conducts herself in a way to gain the respect of her friends and acquaintances, there is hardly a man to be found who will run the risk of losing her friendship by forcing on her attentions that he knows will be unwelcome.

J. S. Q.—What would you advise

Answers to Health Questions

MRS. A. G. Q.—What can I put on my daughter's nails to break her of the habit of biting them?

A.—Try painting the nails with tincture of aloe. This has a very unpleasant taste and should be effective in breaking the habit.

J. S. Q.—What would you advise

HOME-MAKING HELPS

Proper Care of a Piano Is Repaid In Better Tone

By WANDA EARTON

FEW people, even though they are music lovers, realize what it means to take proper care of a piano. The instrument is almost as delicate as a human voice and will repay one for all the care that is bestowed upon it.

This instrument should never be placed where it is exposed to sudden changes of temperature, near steam radiators or open windows, or in unheated rooms in extreme weather. If the sun shines hotly and continuously on the case, it will dry out the finish and is frequently the cause of cracks in the wood.

The piano should always be closed when not in use, to protect it from dust and dampness; also from mice, as they sometimes seek refuge in the case and damage the felt on the hammers. If the family is going away and the piano is to be left unused for a short time, cover the case with a fleecy-lined, rubberized cloth. On cleaning and sweeping day a dust sheet should be kept especially for the piano. Moth balls or camphor gum should be kept in the case as a further protection.

An oil-soak stick is the best for use on the case, with soft polishing cloths, and sometimes a soft chamois I use. When the keys are dirty, a soft damp cloth wrung out of a little alcohol will clean them nicely.

A piano tuner who understands his job and borrows highly recommended to as necessary to the well-being of the instrument as a dentist is to a human being. If the piano is used constantly it should be tuned once in two months at least. When it is thoroughly tuned, the tuner also dusts out the spaces around strings and hammers and all the places that are impossible to reach under ordinary circumstances.

Of course, the sounding-board is the active center of the interior of the instrument, and the board is especially influenced by weather conditions. It shrinks and expands in such a way that it tightens or loosens the tension of the strings. There are then two hundred strings when tuned up to concert pitch exert a strain that it is said equals fifteen tons.

Careful and understanding usage of a piano does not hurt an instrument and causes only even wear. Pounding and rough usage wears it flat, the hammer felt and breaks strings, besides damaging the tone. A good piano of established make will wear for many years if given proper care and grow sweeter with age, like an old violin.

WINIFRED BLACK WRITES ABOUT A Bitter Success



FLORENCE came back home the other day. Pretty thing, Florence—features as regular as a ruler, and great, big soft eyes and a mass of wavy hair, brown in shade and bronze in the sun. Oh, yes, she's really a beauty.

But she's a good deal besides a beauty, too. She's as good as gold and very witty and very wise—and she has made money, hand over fist, and she's bought her mother a pretty little house in a pretty little garden, and she sends her mother a hundred dollars a month to help keep the wolf from the door. And every once in a while Mother gets a package in the package is a new hat or a nice woody coat with and—prety and heart-warming.

Florence has a nephew of whom she is fond—an awfully nice nephew. His name is Harry and he's unusually good-looking and unusually bright, and his mother is dead and his father doesn't amount to much, and so Florence is educating Harry, and some day she thinks Harry is going to be a credit to her.

Florence writes novels for a living and plays in the motion pictures.

When Your Old Friends Vanish

She has a big house in Hollywood—no, it's a little house, come to think of it—but there's an inner court and a fountain and a little garden with roses and a pool and bougainvillea—as purple as ever purple was in the world, and pink geraniums creeping around so fast you can fairly see them grow, so you get an impression that it's a big place.

And Florence has lots of pretty clothes and hosts of friends—but she's been working very hard, so she came back home for a rest, and we all gathered around her, and wondered and praised and asked questions, and we were all envious in a sort of friendly way.

But I noticed something bitter in Florence's smile and something not quite wholehearted in Florence's laugh, and when all the rest had gone, we talked about it, Florence and I.

And this was what Florence said:

"Life is a good deal of a joke, it seems to me. You work and worry, and stew and fret, and finally after years and years of it, you make what people call a success. And you settle back to enjoy it—and then what happens? All at once you wonder what's become of your friends—the friends who were so good to you when you were struggling and hoping—somehow, you've lost track of them and when you go to hunt them up, they're not so very glad to see you. Oh, they're proud enough, but there's a veil between you somehow, and once in a while someone says something sarcastic and you can't think what's the matter."

"And the woman who was so close to you when you first be-

gan to hope that you might do something real some day—she is not agreeable at all. She thinks your head is turned and that you're vain and 'smug,' and she's having a bad time herself, and you can't offer to help her or she'll think you're showing off, and back you have to go again to the flatterers and the spongers who live by flattery—and all your nice, comfortable, honest friendships seem to be gone."

"Failure is a Cruel Thing"

"Failure is a cruel thing—I know, because I've failed."

"But success is a bitter thing, too—I know because I have succeeded."

I wish Florence didn't feel that way about it—seems to me she's missing a good deal—but that's the way she does feel, and I shouldn't be surprised if she had just a little reason—shouldn't you?

Diary of a Fashion Model

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

She Describes a Gown for Formal Evening Wear.

"THIS seems to be a season in which the formal gown plays a most important part," I remarked to Madame.

"Yes," Madame agreed. "I can remember last season that everything seemed to have a bateau neckline, and this season the majority of my clients have wanted gowns of much more formal inspiration."

"Of course the opera, and formal dinner parties that are given before make it necessary for the smart woman to have decolette gowns to suit the occasion," I added.

"And then I do love to make low-cut gowns for the pretty woman who has a lovely neck and shoulders," Madame informed me.

"You must have had some such person in mind when you designed this gown," I said, regarding the model I was wearing in the long mirror of the salon.

"I'm not sure who will buy that, but I can think of at least three of my clients who would be lovely in such a green velvet gown," Madame remarked.

I stepped away from the mirror to admire the slim length of the gown. It was cut in a deep V at the front and a lesser V at the back, and the neckline was finished with delicate embroidery, done in green glass beads. A deep band of matching embroidery finished the portion just above the flounce.

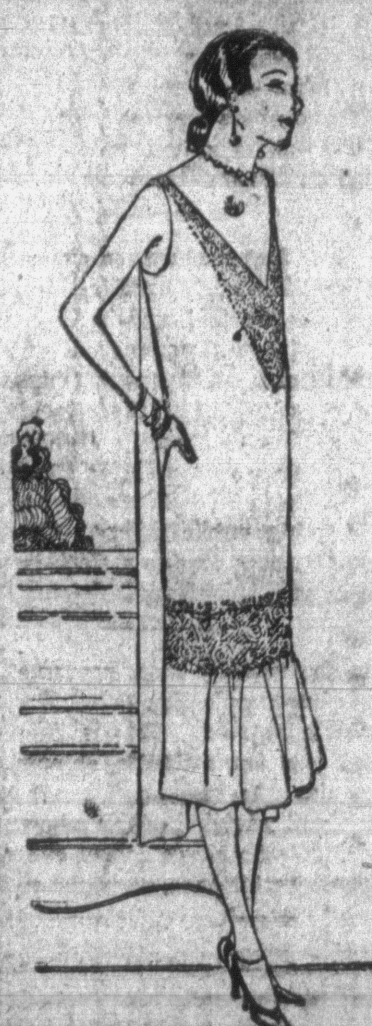
"I do, indeed," I assured her.

"It follows the identical line of the skirt which are so smart for plain velvet frocks," Madame continued.

"I like the effect immensely of the short, chic skirt which is perfectly straight at the back and which flares in soft ripples at the front."

"The front of this flounce is cut on the circular, is it not?" I asked.

"Then I turned from the mirror and walked rapidly away so that the



This Dress Is Made of Jade Green Velvet and Embroidered in Green Glass Beads.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Genevieve Kemble

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 AND 29.

For sundays' astrological forecast is for possibilities of great activity along social, religious and literary lines, with those in the employment of others favored. All are urged to be careful of the health and be on guard against deception.

Those whose birthday it is may look for an active and prosperous year, especially if in the employment of others. The health should be protected and deception guarded against. A child born on this day should succeed in life.

Monday's horoscope forecasts many small annoyances and difficulties, which should be met with decision and optimism, since they are but minor and temporary. However, it may be best to shun speculation and be on guard against treachery.

Those whose birthday it is may have to adjust themselves to small difficulties and annoyances, but they should refrain from worry, shun speculation and guard against deception. A child born on this day should be imbued with an optimistic attitude early in life in order to offset a tendency to worry over trifles.

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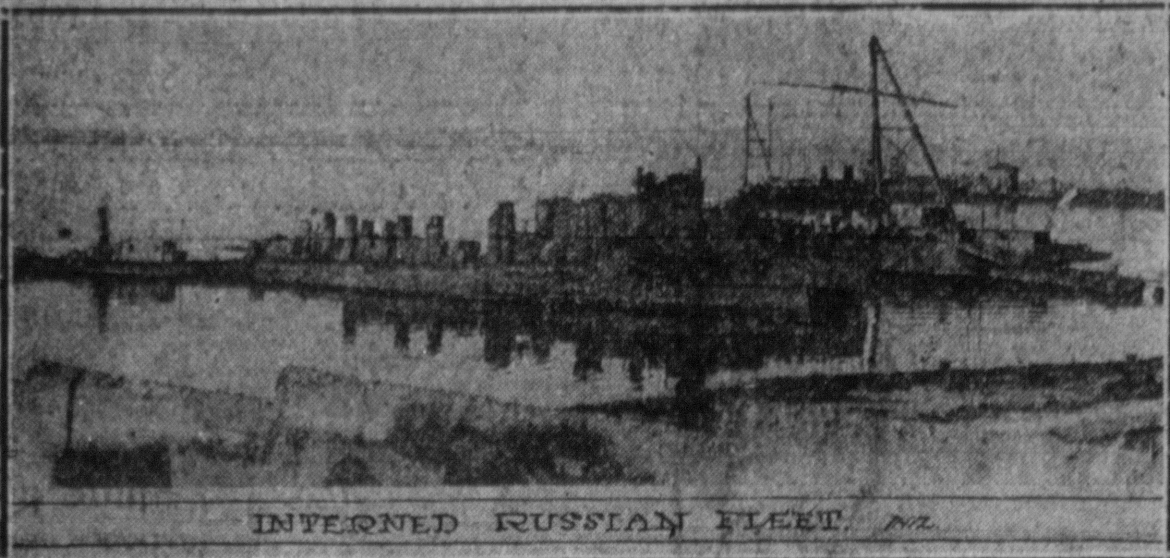
In the heart of tropical Africa, assembling beehives more than human habitations.

Plans are under way to place the sides of Mount Tatlo, an active volcano on the west coast of South America, to get the steam generated by the natural first beneath the mountain. Most of the energy will be piped out for use in making electricity.

Llamas are the baggage animals of Bolivia. They can carry only about a hundred pounds apiece, but they carry that with very good grace and at infinitesimal expense.

Wood is scarce in the region about northern Syria and many houses are built without its aid, the results re-

RUSSIA DEMANDS RETURN OF HER FLEET



Here is the Russian fleet, interned by the French since the World War, the return of which has been demanded by the Soviet, now that France and Russia have resumed relations.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

On Monday, the 19th day of January, 1925, the undersigned will sell in front of the Court House door in Decatur, Alabama, to the highest bidder, for cash, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situated in Morgan County, Alabama, to-wit:

From the southeast corner of section twenty (20), township five (5) South, range four (4) west, run north for eighty (80) feet to the north margin of Eighth Street South, which is the point of beginning.

From above described point of beginning run west along the north margin of Eighth Street South for one thousand and seven (1007) feet to a stone on the east margin of Sixteenth Avenue East, thence north along the east margin of Sixteenth Avenue East for six hundred (600) feet to the south margin of Seventh Street South; thence east along the south margin of Seventh Street for twenty-five hundred and fifteen (2515) feet to a stake about twenty-five (25) feet west of the western boundary of the Wilder Place, thence south and parallel with Sixteenth Avenue East for six hundred (600) feet to a stake on the north margin of Eighth Street South, which stake is about twenty-five (25) feet west of the western boundary of the Wilder Place; thence west along the north margin of Eighth Street South for fifteen hundred and eighty (1508) feet to the point of beginning, containing thirty-four and 35/100 (34.65) acres, more or less, partly lying in the southeast fourth of southeast fourth of section twenty (20), township five (5) South, range four (4) west, and partly in the southwest fourth of section twenty-one (21), township five (5) South, range four (4) west.

The said sale is under authority contained in the mortgage executed to the Decatur Land Company by E. J. Childers and wife, Lula P. Childers on the 13th day of April, 1920 to secure an indebtedness of \$7,500.00 and is recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Morgan County in book 268 page 308.

The said debt and mortgage was transferred and assigned to the undersigned on April 14th, 1920 and said sale is in satisfaction of said mortgage indebtedness, default in payment of which has been made.

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New York Letter

by Lucy Jeanne Price



NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—To be worth three hundred million dollars is quite an achievement. To have reached the age of 84 years without ever having said a few words in public is even more of one, I would say, in these days. That's the record of George F. Baker, Wall Street "Sphinx" and first Lieutenant of the late J. P. Morgan, who made his first speech when the Bond Club gave him a dinner the other day. Furthermore in the more than sixty years that he has been in Wall Street he only once consented to permit his name to appear in print. In that first and only interview, he confined himself to these characteristic words: "Business men talk too much. There is rarely ever a good reason for anyone to talk. Silence is the secret of success. Silence spells financial happiness." An old fact that no other banker in Wall Street has accumulated so much money as Mr. Baker might give truth to his words.

Onward the sweep of self-support among the women of the country gathers in its followers. Miss Isabel Rockefeller, daughter of Percy A. Rockefeller, grandniece of John D., and granddaughter of the late James Stillman long president of the National City Bank has become a school teacher. Two years ago she made her debut. A few years earlier it would have been considered totally impossible for her ever to do anything except follow her career opened by that entrance into the social world and marry or perhaps become a leader of philanthropies. Today it is announced that she has accepted a position as teacher of biology at the Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Those of us who wept grievously in our early youth over "Old Heidelberg," are glad to have it revived in our less susceptible days in any form whatever. In "The Student Prince," the sentiment of the play has been kept intact and the real interest of it has not suffered a whit, in spite of its now being a musical version. I am not merely a play set to music. It is an excellent and spectacular operetta, which the Shuberts present at the Jolson Theater with much better music and much better singing than one is accustomed to on the musical comedy stage. George Hassell, Howard Marsh, Ilse Marvenga and Adolph Link with a more than good chorus, make this revival a worthwhile experience.

Another dire prediction has been made for the human race. Arthur Bagley, physical director in the Y. M. C. A. has declared that future centuries will develop a legless race because we use them so little. "We ride to work; sit all day, ride home and sit in the theater or around the bridge table all the evening," he pointed out. "We have already lost the use of our toes and our little fingers have shriveled through disuse. If we do not walk more, future generations will have only atrophied stumps where legs should be."

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—We are going to make our Long Island redolent of older history than the American Revolution, even if we have to bring the history over en masse. The stone urns, gate pillars and porters' lodges on the Piccadilly front of Devonshire House for so very, very long familiar to Londoners are to be brought over and set up in toto on the Syosset estate of James A. Burden, who was Long Island host to the Prince of Wales on his last visit to

this country. The historic town house of the Cavendishes in London is being torn down to make room in turn for the American innovation of apartment houses.

So the sceptics and conservatives spoke truly when they shivered at the home-breaking to be brought about by the new ideas of women's freedom. Women's writings on the new freedom for women are blamed by Arnold Knopfler for the breaking up of his home after four years of happiness. "I still love my wife dearly," he says "and I would be glad to be re-united with her. But in that event she must give up reading about freedom for women. Until she got those ideas of freedom into her head, she was a model wife." Maybe she just got tired of being his idea of a model.

If a bandit speaks impertinently to you and waves a gun, just slap him. He deserves it and it seems effective. Max Corbin weighs only 120 pounds but what has that to do with discipline? He was carrying a \$3,000 payroll in his bag when three holdup men stopped his car and one of them pointed a pistol at him. He snatched the revolver and slapped the man's face, whereupon all three bandits ran, with Mr. Corbin after them. They escaped in an automobile but they didn't get the \$3,000.

F. Tennyson Jesse always has had a piquant gift in writing short stories that made them tremendously appealing. I seems that she carries this gift into playwriting. "Quarantine," the new production by Charles L. Wagner at the Henry Miller Theater, her first play, is a bright delicate and witty romance, a good model for romance writers who sometimes seem to feel that wit has no essential part in romance and that sex comedies should not be too delicate or they lose force. Sidney Blackmer, who is so well adapted to romance, and the vivacious Helen Hayes have the leading roles in this well acted play to a girl who elopes with a man who intends to elope with her cousin, a married woman, instead. It promises to be one of the long-run productions of the year.

The fact that women are sometimes more skillful at handling people than men is credited by Miss Mary E. Dillon with the explanation of her appointment as vice president and general manager of the Brooklyn Borough Gas company, a \$5,000,000. So far as we know she is the first woman to have just this kind of a job in a big public utility. She started in 20 years ago as a clerk in one office of the company.

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WASHINGTON.—The use of excursion trains to enable the public better to see the total eclipse of the sun, January 24, 1925, is suggested by Professor George H. Peters of the Naval Observatory here. He was discussing this phenomenon which will be visible under favorable weather conditions in the eastern part of the country.

The middle line of the shadow path during the eclipse the professor

pointed out, will run from Buffalo to Montauk, Point, N. Y., between seven and ten o'clock in the morning, in a section of the United States well supplied with railroads. The railroads might run special trains for the benefit of the public, he declared, shutting them on sidings during the period of the eclipse.

American Swimmers To Engage In Exhibitions in German Cities

MAGDEBURG.—Negotiations have been completed between the Hellas

Swimming Club of this city and a number of American swimmers of renown for a series of aquatic matches and exhibitions in German cities, including Magdeburg, Berlin, Hanover, Leipzig and Munich next year.

Among the American athletes who are to come to Germany are Johnny Weissmuller, the world champion; Skelton of Chicago; victor in the Olympic games at Paris; Warren Kealoha, champion back-stroke swimmer and possibly Al White, who holds the jumping and diving record.

It is generally assumed in German

sporting circles that the American champions will combine the German engagements with a tour of Spain, France, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary.

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